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CONVERTER SYSTEM AND  
METHOD

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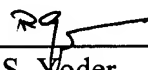
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	B2	EP 0356991A2	03/07/90	Europe	Kanbara et al.	Yes
	B3	JP408126346A	05/17/96	Japan	Takeso	Abstract – Yes
	B4	JP409019163A	01/17/97	Japan	Takeso et al.	Abstract – Yes
	B5	JP405328654A	12/10/93	Japan	Miyoda et al.	Abstract – Yes
	B6	WO 00/21187	04/13/00	PCT	Landsgesell et al.	Abstract – Yes
	B7	WO 94/03925	02/17/94	PCT	Jelinek	Abstract – Yes
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